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FOR EA/ANP TOM WAGDA FROM AMBASSADOR ALSTON

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REF: CANBERRA 3739

PLEASE PROMPTLY PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MICHAEL KELLY,
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

1. QUOTE. MIKE: THIS FOLLOWS OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
THIS MORNING. YOU WERE CORRECT ABOUT ONE DATE. I DID MEAN
THE 18TH AND NOT THE 19TH AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF
REFTEL.

2. THIS IS AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE SCHEDULE A LITTLE CLEARER,
AND I HOPE IT WILL AFFORD JUDGE BELL SOME COMFORT.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1978

ARRIVE SYDNEY AND PROCEED TO CANBERRA.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1978

LUNCH AT MY HOUSE WITH A FEW SELECTED MEMBERS OF THE
PRESS. 90 MINUTES AT MOST AND NO PREPARATION REQUIRED.

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FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1978

CALL ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT 9:30 AND PARTICIPATE
IN A QUESTION AND ANSWER SEMINAR UNTIL NOON. NO PREPARA-
TION REQUIRED.

LUNCH WITH THE LAW SOCIETY AND JUDGES. INFORMAL
ADDRESS ON A SUBJECT OF YOUR CHOICE;.

2:30 CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER. NO MORE THAN

30 MINUTES AND NO PREPARATION REQUIRED.

AT 7:30 YOU WILL MEET FOR DINNER IN OUR HOUSE SOME DISTINGUISHED LAWYERS AND THEIR WIVES. NO PREPARATION REQUIRED, BUT A FEW AFTER-DINNER REMARKS WOULD BE IN ORDER. I WILL PROBABLY TAKE THIS OCCASION TO TELL THE GROUP SOMETHING ABOUT YOU (BUT I WILL NOT TELL ALL).

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1978

YOU WILL BE GUEST AT DINNER BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. NO PREPARATION REQUIRED.

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1978

WE MAY BE IN CANBERRA OR SYDNEY, AS YOU DESIRE OR THE WEATHER DICTATES.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1978

LAW COUNCIL ADDRESS AT NOON. SUBJECT: U.S. TRADE PRACTICES REGULATION AND AUSTRALIAN TRADE".

AT 7:30 YOU WILL BE GUEST AT DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW COUNCIL. NO PREPARATION REQUIRED, BUT AGAIN A FEW REMARKS WOULD BE IN ORDER.

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1978

LUNCH WITH BUSINESS MEN AT 1 O'CLOCK AFTER GOLF.

THIS IS WHERE THERE IS AN OPTION TO THERE BEING 10 TO 20 BUSINESSMEN OR 150 TO 300. IF THE LARGER GROUP IS TO BE MET THEN THEY WOULD EXPECT A SERIOUS SPEECH ON A SUBJECT OF YOUR CHOOSING. IF THE SMALLER GROUP IS CHOSEN, NO PREPARATION WOULD BE REQUIRED, BUT THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME INFORMAL REMARKS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHETHER THE SMALL OR LARGE GROUP IS DESIGNATED, IT'S THE CROWD THAT HIRES LAWYERS.

AT 3:30 YOUR MEETING WITH THE AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION WOULD BE A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH NO PREPARATION REQUIRED.

AT 7:30 THERE WILL BE A FORMAL DINNER BY THE LAW COUNCIL AND A 20 MINUTE SPEECH WHERE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WOULD BE EXPECTED. (SEE PARA 3 BELOW)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1978

WE WOULD GO TO MELBOURNE IN THE MORNING, AND AT 11 O'CLOCK YOU WOULD BE INTERVIEWED BY THE AUSTRALIAN LAW JOURNAL. NO PREPARATION REQUIRED.

AT NOON AFTER LUNCH YOU WOULD SPEAK ON "U.S. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION".

THE AFTERNOON WOULD BE FREE.

THAT EVENING AT 7:00, AND THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE EARLIER SCHEDULE, WE WOULD HOST A DINNER FOR YOU AND MARY AT THE MELBOURNE CLUB. NO PREPARATION IS REQUIRED BUT A FEW REMARKS WOULD BE IN ORDER.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1978

YOU ARE TO MEET WITH THE INSTITUTE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION FOR QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION, WITH

NO PREPARATION REQUIRED.
NOR WOULD YOU HAVE TO PREPARE FOR A LUNCH MEETING
AT THE LAW SCHOOL.
THE AFTERNOON WOULD BE FREE FOR GOLF.
AT 7:30 THERE WILL BE A FORMAL DINNER, BUT WITH
AN INFORMAL AFTER-DINNER SPEECH (SEE PARA 3 BELOW).
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1978
IN THE MORNING WE WILL FLY TO TASMANIA WHERE YOU
WOULD SPEAK AT NOON ON HUMAN RIGHTS.
IT IS HERE YOU HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE A SERIOUS
SPEECH IN THE AFTERNOON -- SUBJECT: THE CONSTITUTIONAL
LAW. (SEE PARA 6 REFTEL)
THAT EVENING THERE WILL BE A FORMAL DINNER BY THE
GOVERNOR, WHERE NO PREPARATION IS REQUIRED BUT WHERE A
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FEW INFORMAL REMARKS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. NO PREPARA-
TION FOR THAT SESSION.
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1978
WE WOULD RETURN TO CANBERRA. YOUR WORK WILL HAVE
BEEN FINISHED, AND YOU'LL DEPART ON SUNDAY FOR SYDNEY AND
THENCE TO NEW ZEALAND.

3. AS MENTIONED THIS MORNING, "CRIME AND PUNISHMENT"
HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS THE TOPIC FOR BOTH THE DINNER IN
SYDNEY ON THE NIGHT OF JULY 18 AND THE DINNER IN MEL-
BOURNE THE NIGHT OF JULY 20. YOU INDICATED THIS SUB-
JECT WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM. I WOULD THINK, BASED ON
HIS ACTUAL EXPERIENCE, THIS SHOULD NOT REQUIRE TOO
MUCH PREPARATION. THE LAW COUNCIL FEELS THE SUBJECT
IS OF INTEREST WORLDWIDE AND THEY WANT THE JUDGE TO
FEEL COMFORTABLE IN DEALING WITH IT IN ANY WAY THAT
SUITS HIM.

4. WHAT WE WANT TO DO HERE IS WRAP UP THE DETAILS
FOR YOUR VISIT PRIOR TO MY LEAVING HERE JUNE 3. THUS,
A RESPONSE JUST AS SOON AS DECISIONS ARE TAKEN WILL BE
HELPFUL.

5. I'LL SEE YOU IN JUDGE BELL'S OFFICE ABOUT 4 O'CLOCK
IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 5 AND SUPPLY ANY DETAILS OR
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WHICH THE TWO OF YOU HAVE.
ALSTON

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